

BEGINS SURVEY OF CONDITIONS

Major Mitchell of War Department Starts Investigation Work at Arsenal.

WORKMEN IN MASS MEETING
Workmen Hear Committee Men Sent to Washington Explain the Situation.

Major Mitchell of Washington, representative of the war department, will start here to make a survey of Rock Island Arsenal conditions, began his investigation this morning, and has made it known to the committee of the Arsenal federation that he is willing to meet the workmen to discuss any particular matter that they might want to take up with him.

At an open meeting held at the industrial hall yesterday, hundreds of Arsenal workmen were present and the crowd was of such proportions that many could not get into the hall to hear the committee men sent to Washington, to present the case of the Arsenal employees to what progress was made.

It was the sense of the meeting that another mass meeting will be held subject to call by federation leaders, and it is announced that Major Mitchell will without doubt be invited to attend this meeting.

Numerous incidents have been compiled by the Arsenal federation executive board regarding industrialization of the workmen. One man reported at the meeting that he had served in the United States navy for four years, served in the marine corps and worked for four years at the Arsenal, nevertheless, was one of the first to be laid off in his department. He claims he obtained employment at Bettendorf at his trade and was laid off in one week on grounds that there was no work for him.

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Joseph E. Pendergast, traveling examiner of the United States employment service and who now has an office in this city, is working with the Arsenal committee in an effort to arrive at a solution of the problem for the obtaining of jobs in other localities for men who are being demobilized at the Arsenal.

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HIS RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SMILE



JESTING JINGLES

By O. Bonney Brink

STREET CARS.

Each morning as I leave my bed, I do so with the daily dread of that which might debar. My toast and eggs I masticate, and then I'm doomed to ride, but late to board the crowded car. But I must do my daily turn—I need the kale I'm going to earn, employed where I am; therefore, the only means I know, to take me is the car and so, I join the human jam. Amid the bunch that fills the aisle, I'm pushed about, mile after mile—while hanging to a strap. I look upon the stunt with scorn when some big boob steps on my corn—or in a lady's lap. I'm thrown when'er the brakes won't work, which makes the car start with a jerk that takes me from the floor—or, when the car describes a bend, the sudden twist is apt to send me scotching through the door. A man may try to keep his place, yet hug some dame not of his race, if she's out from the wall—it's natural for a guy to grab at any color—white or grab, when he's about to fall. The stifling atmosphere will choke me, so I go up front to smoke, where rides the motorman, who stops the car when'er a crowd of folk would ride, for he's allowed to carry all the can. The kind conductor calls his smile, yells "please move forward in the aisle!" and opens wide the door to let those folk who want to ride, climb on the car and squeeze inside—there's room for many more.

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ceived in a letter written by Frank Gustafson to his father, Charles Gustafson, of this place. Mr. Gustafson was ill when taken from the ship, his illness developing into influenza and later into pneumonia.

He was a young man of sterling qualities. He is survived by his wife. Gust Gustafson, an officer in the marines at Norfolk, Va., is home on a 10 days' furlough.

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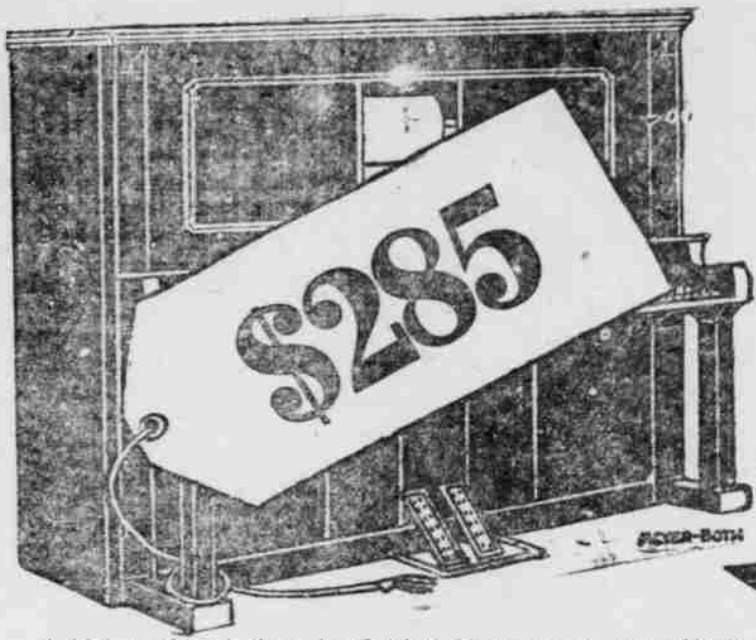
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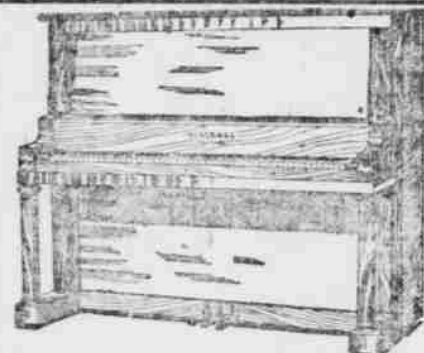
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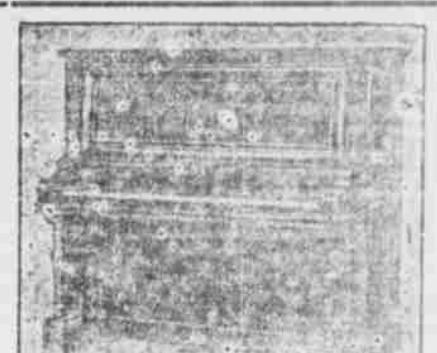
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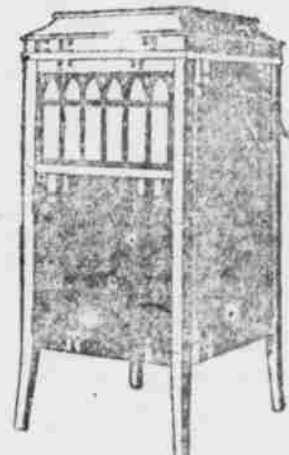
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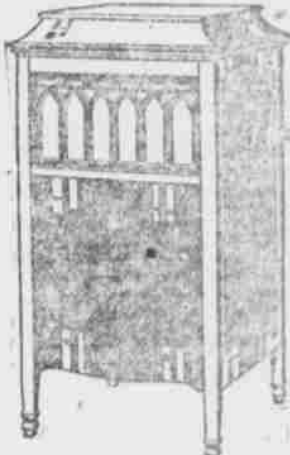
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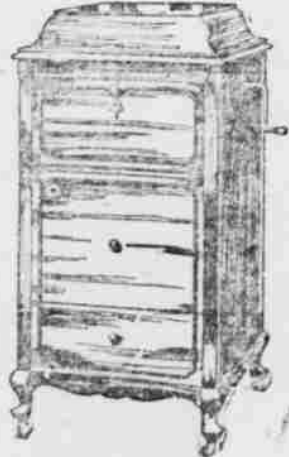
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